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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6848

BILL NUMBER: SB 194

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 11, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Tuition and Fee Exemption for Children of Veterans.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Wyss

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the tuition and fee exemption for certain children of veterans and National Guard members is available only to an individual who: (1) is enrolled in an associate's degree program or the individual's first baccalaureate degree program; and (2) is a full-time student pursuing a prescribed course of study.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The bill could reduce the tuition and fee exemption for children of veterans and children or spouses of National Guard members killed in active service.

Background: For FY 2007, there were about 5,034 children of veterans receiving about \$17.1 M in tuition and fee exemption benefits and one spouse of a National Guard member who died while on state active duty receiving \$3,020. Of the 5,034 children of veterans, 337 were in graduate programs and received about \$1.37 M in benefits and 2,777 were attending part-time and receiving about \$3.9 M in benefits.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Student Assistance Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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